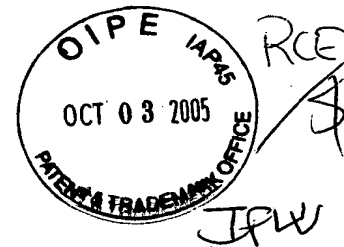


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Susumu TSUJIMOTO  
Serial No: 09/073,825  
Filed: May 7, 1998  
For: BAND SAW BLADE

GAU: 3724  
Confirmation No. 1276  
Examiner: Kenneth E. Peterson



**Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 3, 2005.
    - ii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time
2. Miscellaneous.
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
  - b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fees. The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to:
  - a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 23-2185
    - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) : 10/04/2005 NGUYEN1 00000082 09073825
    - iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
  - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 is enclosed.
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

**WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Blank Rome LLP  
600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20037  
Tel: (202) 772-5800  
Fax: (202) 572-8398  
Customer No.: 27557

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael D. White*

Michael D. White  
Registration No. 32,795

Date: October 3, 2005